

LAUDERDALE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Lauderdale City Hall
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Lauderdale, MN 55113

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November 8, 2011

Mayor Dains called the City Council meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Councilors present: Mary Gaasch, Roxanne Grove, Denise Hawkinson, Lara Mac Lean, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Staff present: Heather Butkowski, City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Mayor Dains asked for changes to the meeting agenda. The Mayor added a follow up to the Halloween event. **Councilor Gaasch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Grove seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Councilor Grove moved to approve the October 25, 2011, City Council meeting minutes. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved approval of the claims totaling \$80,052.72. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Hawkinson moved the consent agenda acknowledging September's finances. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Butkowski said staff spoke with Mn/DOT staff about extending a sidewalk in front of 2449 Larpenteur when the bridge over TH280 was replaced. Ultimately, they did not and neither did Ramsey County. After staff received complaints from drivers and pedestrians, Mayor Dains and Butkowski sent a letter to County Commissioner Jan Parker to see what could be done. County engineering staff looked into the issue and estimated a cost of \$12,000 to construct a sidewalk there. The City would be responsible for 75% of the cost of the project. Staff asked for direction from the Council on whether to pursue the sidewalk project with county staff. The Council lamented the considerable cost to the City but felt a sidewalk should be constructed.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to direct staff to continue working with the County on the construction of a sidewalk in front of 2449 Larpenteur Avenue. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bownik presented on the 2011 Halloween Party. The success of the event was attributable to a small but dedicated group of volunteers. Councilors encouraged the audience to volunteer for community events because the City does not have enough staff to coordinate the events. The

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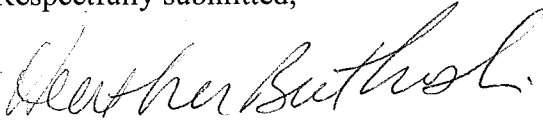
Council discussed recruiting volunteers for the Halloween event at other community events and among those that drop off candy prior to the event.

Mayor Dains explained the Council was moving into the work session. Work sessions are a continuation of the meetings but not aired on community television.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to address the Council. No one addressed the Council.

There being no further business on the council agenda, Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Butkowski
City Administrator